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SUBJECT: INDONESIAN CONCERN OVER FUTURE U.S. POLICIES

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1. INDONESIAN CHARGE ARIFIN AND OTHER INDONESIAN EMBASSY OFFICIALS HAVE OVER THE PAST FEW DAYS MADE POINTS TO DEPARTMENT OFFICERS SIMILAR TO CONCERNS EXPRESSED BY RUSMIN TO AMBASSADOR NEWSOM. IN RESPONSE TO THESE EXPRESSIONS OF CONCERN THAT THERE HAS BEEN LITTLE OR NO MENTION OF SOUTHEAST ASIA (OTHER THAN VIET-NAM) IN THE PRESIDENT-ELECT'S CAMPAIGN STATEMENTS AND SPEECHES, DEPARTMENT OFFICERS HAVE POINTED OUT THAT UNDUE SIGNIFICANCE SHOULD NOT BE ATTACHED TO SUCH OMISSIONS, SINCE SOUTHEAST ASIA WAS NOT NOW THE
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FOCUS OF MAJOR PROBLEMS FOR THE UNITED STATES (AN ARGUMENT SIMILAR TO THAT REPORTED PARA 5 REFTEL). YOU MAY OF COURSE USE SUCH-AN ARGUMENT AS NECESSARY WITH INDONESIAN OFFICIALS WHO EXPRESS SIMILAR CONCERNS.

2. IN SPEAKING TO DEPTOFF (MILLER)THIS MORNING, ARIFIN MADE TWO SPECIFIC REQUESTS, WHICH HE SAID WERE UNDER IN-

STRUCTIONS:

A. THAT THE DEPARTMENT CONVEY TO THE TRANSITION TEAM THE
GOI'S STRONG HOPE THAT SOUTHEAST ASIA COULD BE BRIEFLY

MENTIONED IN PRESIDENT-ELECT CARTER'S INAUGURAL SPEECH IN
TERMS OF THE EFFORTS BEING MADE IN THE REGION TO CONTRI-
BUTE TO WORLD PEACE;(MILLER INDICATED HE WOULD ENSURE THAT
UNDER SECRETARY HABIB WAS INFORMED ON THIS SCORE.)

B. THAT WE ASK AMBASSADOR NEWSOM TO EXPLAIN TO SENIOR
GOI OFFICIALS, ALONG THE LINES OF PARA 1 ABOVE, THE AB-
SENCE OF MENTION OF SOUTHEAST ASIA IN PRESIDENT-ELECT
CARTER'S CAMPAIGN STATEMENTS AND SPEECHES.

3. FYI: THE MALAYSIAN AMBASSADOR HAS INVITED UNDER SECRE-
TARY HABIB TO AN ASEAN LUNCHEON NEXT WEEK (JANUARY 13),
AND HABIB HAS ACCEPTED. ARIFIN INDICATED THIS WOULD PRO-
VIDE AN OCCASION FOR THE ASEAN REPRESENTATIVES AS A GROUP
TO CONVEY SIMILAR CONCERNS TO THE DEPARTMENT AND THE
TRANSITION TEAM AT A HIGH LEVEL. END FYI.
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